(ख) भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण ने वर्ष 1935, 1956, 1962, 1971, 1973 से 1977, 1990 तक तथा 1996 के दौरान गंगोत्री ग्लेशियर के सिकुड़ने (रिसेसिंग) संबंधी अध्ययन किया। वर्ष 1935 से 1956 के दौरान बड़ी गुफा के साथ वर्फ गुफा के कटने की दर 10.16 मीटर पायी गयी थी वर्ष 1956 से 1977 के बीच इस दर में 27.33 मीटर की वृद्धि हुई। वर्ष 1971 और 1977 के बीच यह दर पुनः बढ़कर 30.84 मीटर हो गयी। इसलिए, 1990 तक इसमें 28.08 मीटर की मामूली गिरावट और वर्ष 1990 तथा 1996 के बीच 28.33 मीटर की गिरावट पायी गयी। उपर्युक्त आंकड़ों से यह पता चलता है कि गंगोत्री ग्लेशियर धीरे-धीरे घट रहा है।

(ग) ग्लेशियर का सिकुड़ना/फैलना एक स्वाभाविक घटना है ऐसा भूमंडलीय गर्मी के कारण होता है अतः यद्यपि कृत्रिम साधनों को अपना कर किसी विशेष ग्लेशियर को सिकुड़ने से बचाना बहुत कठिन है। तथापि, सरकार द्वारा वनों की कटाई में कमी करने एवं उच्च क्षेत्रों में पारिस्थितिकी संरक्षण के लिए कार्यक्रम शुरू किए गए हैं। इनसे हिमालय ग्लेशियर में भूमंडलीय गर्मी के पड़ने वाले प्रभावों में कमी आई है जिससे ग्लेशियर के सिकुड़ने की दर में गिरावट आयी है।

12.00 Noon

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Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Oil Industry Development Board, New Delhi and related papers

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष कुमार गंगवार) : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूं:—

I. तेल उद्योग (विकास) अधिनियम, 1974 की धारा 20 की उपधारा (4) के अधीन निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में):—

(क) 1997-98 के वर्ष के लिए तेल उद्योग विकास बोर्ड, नई दिल्ली का चौबीसवां वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखा परीक्षा प्रतिवेदन सहित।

(ख) उपर्युक्त बोर्ड के कार्यकरण की सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा।

II. ऊपर (I) में उल्लिखित पत्रों को सभा पटल पर रखने में में हुए विलंब के कारणों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में)।

पुस्तकालय में रखी गई **देखिए** एल टी 2488/99

Report and Accounts (1992-93, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98) of the various Agro Based Industries/Development Corporations and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in Enlgish and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Twenty-fourth Annual Report and accounts of the Maharashtra Land Development Corporation Limited, Pune, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2557/99]

(ii) (a) Twenty-eighth Annual Report and accounts of the Kerala Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Thiruvanathapuram, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation .

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT 2558/99]

(iii). (a) Twenty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Assam Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Guwahati, for the year 1992-93, together with the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

[Placed in Library *See*. No. LT 2559/99]

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation .

2. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above

[Placed in Library *See.* No. LT 255/99]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report of the National Cooperative Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, under sub-section (3) of section 14 of the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962.

(b) Annual Accounts of the National Cooperative Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98; and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of section 17 of the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above.

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(ii) (a) Twenty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Heavy Engineering Co-operative, Pune, for the year 1997-98, togherher with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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(iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Dairy Development Board, Anand (Gujarat), for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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(iv) (a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the All India Federation of Co-operative, Spining Mills Limited, Mumbai for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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Report and Accounts (1992-93) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India, Mumbai and related Papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Annual Report and accounts of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

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I. Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

II. Report (1997) of the Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi and related Papers

III. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Central Government Employees consumer Cooperative Society Ltd. New Delhi and related Papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND